

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SUGIYAMA, Kazuhiko et al.**

Group Art Unit: 3679

Serial No.: 10/506,671

Examiner: **KEE, Fannie C.**Filed: **April 7, 2005**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 5308

For: **PIPE JOINT****AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 11, 2008

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.
The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Small Entity	Large Entity	Additional Fee
Total Claims	32	42	=		\$ 25	X \$ 50	
Independent Claims	11	7	=	4	X \$105	X \$210	840.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					\$185	\$370	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED:							840.00

XX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 in the amount of \$840.00 for four additional independent claims fee in connection with this amendment.

XX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **April 17, 2008**, entry of the following amendments and remarks, further examination, and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 25 of this paper.